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*In re* Application of: )  
Nicolaides *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1632  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2006.

Applicants are also filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

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